

Appendix 1:

Standard & Enhanced Plan Approval Letter

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The Honorable Mark R. Warner
Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia
State Capitol, 3rd Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Warner:

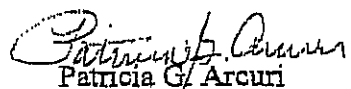
FEMA Region III has approved volume 6: Hazard Mitigation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, adopted as part of the complete Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan by the Governor with Executive Order Number Sixty-Five (2004) and signed by you on April 1, 2004.

FEMA's approval of your Standard State Mitigation Plan ensures the continued availability within your state of Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning and project grants, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning and project grants, Fire Management Assistance, and Public Assistance categories C-G. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, but may qualify through other Federal funding sources. Eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

We are encouraged and assured you will continue to refine and document the Commonwealth of Virginia's mitigation initiatives from future vulnerability assessments, impact assessments, and analysis of mitigation measures as well as, follow your plan's schedule for regular evaluation, updating, and monitoring. FEMA recognizes the Commonwealth of Virginia's dedication demonstrated in your timely preparation and adoption of a strategy to reduce future disaster losses.

If you have questions, please contact me at (215) 931-5604.

Sincerely,


Patricia G. Arcuri
Acting Regional Director

cc Michael M. Cline, Director, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

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Mr. Michael M. Cline
State Coordinator, Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Emergency Management
10501 Trade Court
Richmond, Virginia 23236-3713

Dear Mr. Cline:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III has approved the *Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, Volume 6: Standard and Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan*. We understand that your November 10, 2006 letter endorsing the Plan as the Governor's Authorized Representative serves as the Commonwealth's adoption of the Plan per the Governor's April 1, 2004 Executive Order. The Commonwealth is now eligible to apply for the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) programs from the date of this letter until the three-year anniversary date of this approval, at which time an updated Plan must be approved according to applicable regulations including those listed below in paragraph three.

FEMA approval of your Plan ensures the continued availability within the Commonwealth of non-emergency Stafford Act funding (Pre-Disaster Mitigation planning and project grants, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning and project grants, Fire Management Assistance, and Public Assistance categories C-G). All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the Plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

The following comments may assist the Commonwealth in future updates to the Plan:

1. FEMA recently released guidance for States on how to complete plan updates to meet 44 CFR 201.4. The Standard portion of Virginia's Plan was not reviewed against the update guidance because of the timing of the Commonwealth's request. However, the next update projected for 2010 will be subject to meeting all plan update requirements.


Mr. Michael M. Cline

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2. The guidance for updates to the Enhanced Plan elements under 44 CFR 201.5 is currently being developed by FEMA and is expected to be released late spring 2007. This will be utilized for the review of the Commonwealth's update.
3. The adoption procedures for updated plans must be clearly explained in the plan or in the adoption documentation and consistent with the plan update guidance. For example, where the Governor's Authorized Representative or other administrative body has the designated authority for adoption, the plan must explain how and by whom this is to be completed.

We look forward to continuing a productive relationship between the Commonwealth and our office. Please contact our Mitigation Division Director, Eugene K. Gruber, at 215/931-5669, or me with any questions or for further assistance.

Sincerely,


Patricia G. Arcuri
Acting Regional Director

cc: Deborah G. Mills, Mitigation Program Planner